Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 12 Oct 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 13 Oct 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 12 Oct 2022 at 02:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: An unsettled period with high confidence for strong winds and gales at times, also high confidence for turning colder on Friday with some wintery showers and a significant wind chill towards the weekend. Lower confidence for timing of rain bands and clearance.

Headline for Wednesday 12 Oct 2022: A wet and windy start to the day, turning brighter in the afternoon, winds easing too.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 12 Oct 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
60%	40%	20%	20%	20%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 12 Oct 2022

Weather: A cloudy and wet start, rain turning heavy at times especially around western coastal ranges and Skye and accompanied by gales. The heaviest rain is likely around dawn and soon turning lighter and patchier, drier further north. Brighter conditions approaching from the west by mid morning. Sunny intervals and mainly dry during the afternoon period, perhaps the odd isolated shower. Remaining dry and clear in the evening but feeling quite cold.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, broken or overcast low cloud associated with area of rain moving across Scotland in the morning, improving to 90% from mid morning with cloud lifting and clearing.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken or overcast cloud layers above 400m in the early morning, thicker and lower in the west with the best chance of clear summits further North for Caithness and Sutherland. Cloud layers lifting and clearing by mid morning and summits mainly clear during the afternoon and evening for all ranges. Poor visibility is expected in the morning but improving to become very good in the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	40/47 SW	22/28 W	19/26 W	19/24 W	18/24 W	19/24 SW	23/29 SW
900	38/44 SW	22/28 W	19/25 W	18/24 W	17/23 W	18/23 SW	21/28 SW
600	25/33 SW	15/21 W	15/21 W	14/20 W	11/17 W	10/15 SW	12/18 SW
300	5/31 SW	6/23 W	7/22 W	6/20 W	3/17 W	2/15 SW	2/17 SW
Glen	16/31 SW	8/18 W	11/19 W	11/19 W	5/12 W	2/8 W	3/11 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/-1	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	2/-3	2/-4	2/-4
900	6/0	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2	2/-3	3/-3
600	8/4	6/2	6/2	6/2	5/2	4/1	5/1
300	9/8	9/7	9/8	9/8	7/6	6/5	6/6
Glen	11/8	11/9	12/10	12/9	9/8	9/8	9/9
Freezing Level*	2300m	1700m	1200m	1200m	1100m	1100m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Gales likely for higher summits early in the day, perhaps 60mph gusts on the munros early in the day. An improving picture on Wednesday but after the rain it will feel cooler with freezing level falling towards summit level. With winds remaining quite fresh there will be a significant chill effect later in the day.

Forecast for Thursday 13 Oct 2022

Weather: A bright start to the day but quite cool with some frost inland likely, however some sunny intervals too especially around north and eastern ranges. Winds will strengthen with increasing cloud from the west by mid morning, with a band of rain spreading in from the west in the afternoon, this rain looks likely to be heavy and persistent through the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20-25mph backing southerly 20mph with gusts 30mph during the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% for most of the day, falling to 50% by mid afternoon as rain band approaches western ranges.

Low cloud and visibility: For much of the day just patchy cloud around southwestern summits but later in the afternoon cloud layers will lower and thicken to 500m by dusk. General visibility will be very good in the morning but decreasing a little by late afternoon. Visibility will be poor during the evening as rain moves across all ranges.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 rising to 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 rising to 5 Celsius in the afternoon.
Freezing level: 1200m rising well above summits.

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